

Appl. No. : 09/574,626  
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### REMARKS

Claims 1, 9, 10, 14, 23, 24 and 28 have been amended. Support for the amendment can be found in the Specification in paragraphs 36 and 43. Claims 1, 3-33 are presented for the examination.

### CONCLUSION

Applicants have endeavored to address all of the Examiner's concerns as expressed in the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121, because the non-compliant amendment was a non-final amendment, and because box 4. was checked by the Examiner on the Notice, Applicant now submits only the **corrected section** of the non-compliant amendment.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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